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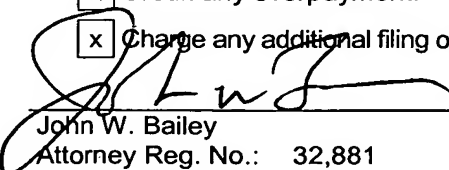
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 15, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

The present amendment includes changes to the Claims, and Remarks.